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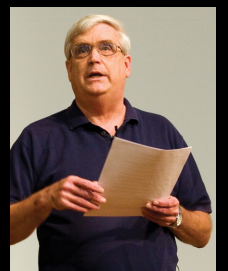
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Eleven days left to sign up for LLNS employment

There are only 11 days left to sign up for LLNS employment. This is a reminder that all employees are required to make this election through LAPIS Self Service at <https://lapis.llnl.gov/> by 5 p.m. PST on Sept. 17. If you fail to make an election by that time, your offer of

employment with LLNS will be rescinded and your employment with the University of California, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory will be terminated effective Sept. 30.

Need help or access to a computer? Computer help and workstations are available at the following site locations:

1. Main Library, Trailer 4727: Information Desk
2. Human Resources, Bldg. 571, room 2239
3. Training Facility, Trailer 1879, room 100
4. Payroll, Bldg. 314 lobby
5. Designated work stations in Site 300 and Plant Engineering
6. Benefits Office, Bldg. 571, room 1205

If you have questions, contact LLNS at 4-LLNS.

New wage and hour requirements and process briefing for managers/supervisors and hourly (non-exempt) employees



The Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC is launching two briefings on wage and hour recording entitled: California Labor Code for Recording Meal, Breaks, and Make-up Time for Non-Exempt Employees. The purpose of the briefings is to highlight the most important changes in time keeping that is a result of becoming a private sector company on Oct. 1. It is intended as an overview of the California Labor Code, which will mostly affect non-exempt employees. Managers and supervisors will need to manage differently and will be required to be aware of the legal and budgetary ramifications for non-compliance.

The briefings are scheduled to be rolled out in two phases; the first for managers/supervisors and the second for non-exempt employees. Each briefing will be scheduled for one hour and will be held in the Bldg. 123 auditorium. All briefings will be available live on LLTN (Channel 4), streaming video, and will be re-broadcast on LTV throughout the month of September (Channel 4).

All managers/supervisors and non-exempt employees will be required to attend one of the briefings by Sept. 30.

- Phase I: Managers/Supervisors
Location: Bldg. 123 auditorium
- Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

- Phase II: Non-Exempt Employees
Location: Bldg. 123 auditorium
- Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 20 at 9 a.m.

Readiness reviews begin

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) will conduct a series of “readiness reviews” over the next few weeks to assure completion of transition activities and milestones, as well as readiness to assume full operation of the Lab beginning Oct. 1.

“This is a review focused on what has been completed in our transition plan, what stills needs to be done, and what, if anything, needs to be corrected before our October full contract assumption,” said Tom Gioconda, the LLNS Transition manager.

The reviews will be held through Sept. 27. Each principal directorate (PAD) as well as the Director’s Office will conduct its own internal review to assess general readiness come Oct. 1. From Sept. 10-20, each PAD/Director’s Office will bring its presentation on readiness to the LLNS leadership and PAD council.

The remaining time will be used to address corrective actions in preparation for the readiness review to the LLNL Board of Governors’ Executive Committee, Sept. 25, and the Laboratory Site Office, Sept. 26 or 27.

TRANSITION UPDATES

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION CHANGES

Employee beneficiary designations currently in effect with UC for pension and life insurance plans (e.g., Life, Supplemental Life, AD&D, etc.) will not be valid as of Oct. 1, when employees transition to LLNS.

Employees will be able to designate beneficiaries for the new LLNS life, AD&D, and pension plans on-line. The target date for system availability is Sept. 18. More detailed information will be provided in next week’s *Newsline* and via *NewsOnLine*.



Benefits question of the week

B276. If I am currently contributing to a 457(b) plan, on Oct. 1, will my contributions automatically go toward the LLNS 401(k) plan or will I have to make an explicit change in my payroll deductions to be sure the deduction goes into the 401(k) plan? If so, when will we be notified of the change and how will that be kept separate so that deductions continue to go to the 457(b) plan until the contract ends on Oct. 1?

No, your contributions to your 457(b) plan (or 403(b) plan) will not automatically continue towards the LLNS 401(k) plan. You will have to enroll in the 401(k) plan. LLNS will be providing additional information regarding how to enroll in the 401(k) plan soon. You can check their Website now for information on the investment plans available for the 401(k) plan at www.llnslc.com.

Transition manager offers guidance for choosing a compensation package

As of today's column, there are 11 calendar days remaining for employees to accept an offer of employment with LLNS. At press time, 5,656 employees had responded to their offer letter. Approximately 25 percent of the population still need to decide.

To ensure all employees are aware of the deadline to respond, beginning Monday, Sept. 10, each employee who has not yet responded will be contacted. If you are contacted, and you know which compensation package you wish to take, I encourage you to respond as soon as possible before the 5 p.m. Sept. 17 deadline.

For those of you still considering your options, let me briefly summarize the main features of the two plans and remind you of some of the factors you should carefully consider when making your decision.

Total Compensation Plan 1 (TCP1) includes:

- A defined benefit plan (pension)
- 401(k) plan with voluntary employee-only contributions
- Retiree health and welfare
- Disability similar to the UCRP plan

Total Compensation Plan 2 (TCP2) includes:

- No defined benefit pension plan
- 401(k) plan with employer and employee contributions
- Same retiree health and welfare as under TCP1 for transitioning employees if they meet eligibility
- Access only retiree health and welfare for new hires
- No UCRP-like disability benefit offered

It is important to understand the terminology used when considering these options. A defined benefit plan, or pension as it is commonly referred to, provides a predictable monthly annuity (a payment that typically continues for the rest of your life). The benefit you will receive from TCP1 is calculated using the same formula UCRP currently uses: (Retirement Age Factor) x (Service) x (HAPC - \$133), where HAPC = high average plan compensation over your 36 highest consecutive months. However, the plan is non-portable, which means your pension stays with LLNS, even if you terminate employment with LLNS, until you retire. The LLNS' Benefits and Investment Committee manages



A MESSAGE TO EMPLOYEES

— Barbara Peterson

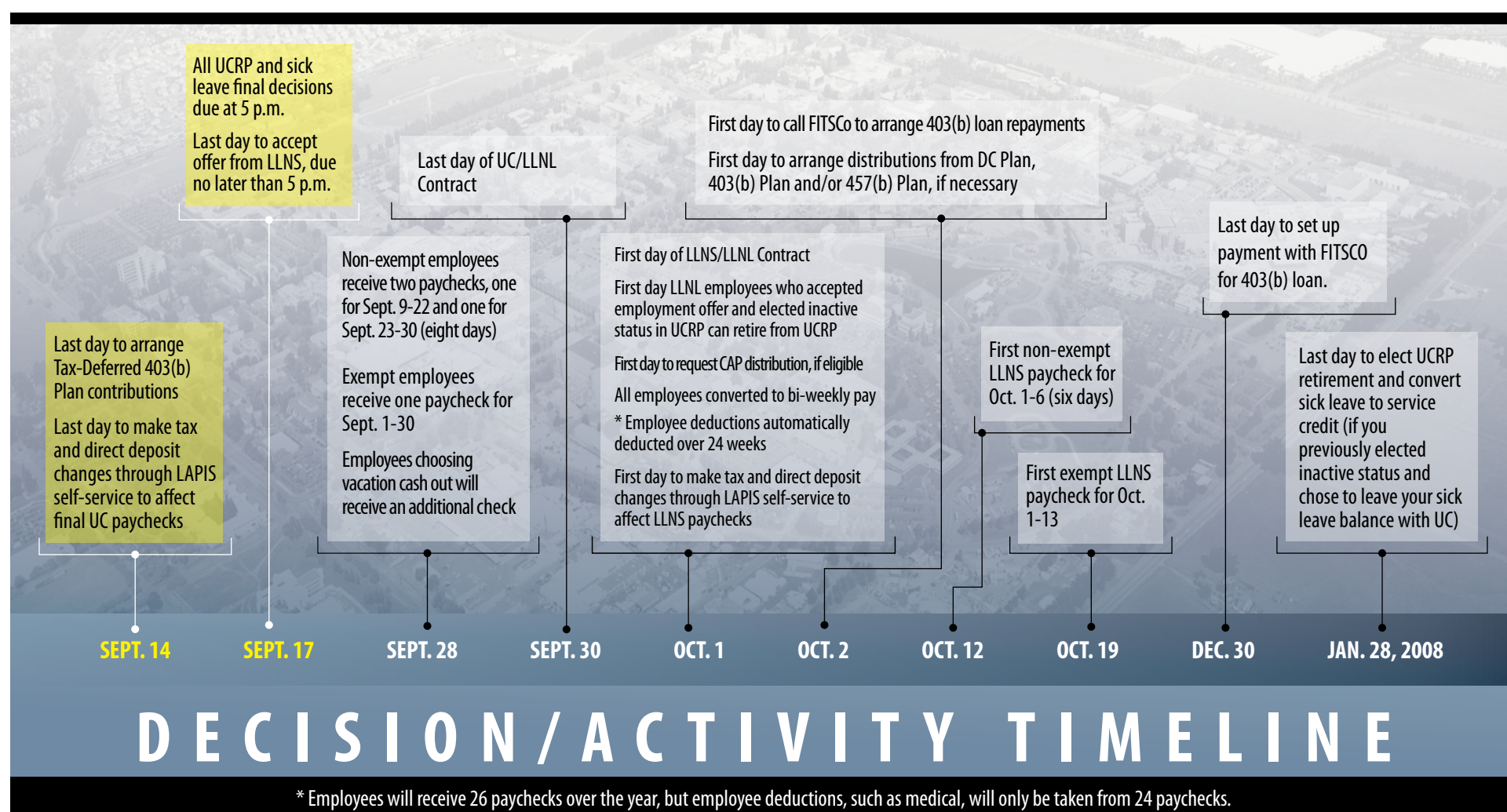
the investment allocation and makes the investment manager decisions for the pension plan assets.

A defined contribution plan, or the 401(k) plan that LLNS is offering, is less predictable than a defined benefit plan and cannot be precisely calculated because it is based on your investment strategy and the market. However, it is portable, which means you may roll your account balance into another employer's plan or IRA and you have control of the management of your investment allocation.

As you think about the differences in these plans, consider your personal situation and ask yourself questions, such as what kind of financial planner are you? Do you have outside income or outside investments? Do you enjoy managing your finances? Do you value cash in hand over a long-term annuity? In retirement, are you looking for steady, predictable income that is independent of your investment decisions? How many more years do you plan on working? Do you plan to continue those years at the Laboratory? How many years of service do you currently have with UCRP? Are employer contributions to your retiree health insurance important to you? Are you married or do you have a domestic partner? How does your spouse or partner's financial situation fit into your retirement planning?

Once you've made your selection, I encourage you to focus on the investment options offered in the LLNS 401(k) plans. These plans range from conservative to aggressive and include LifeCycle funds. The plans are posted on the LLNS website at www.llnslc.com under the Benefits tab. In the next few weeks LLNS will provide information on how to enroll in these plans.

Choosing between TCP1 and TCP2 is an important personal decision that all employees who continue employment with LLNS need to make. I encourage you to think carefully about your decision and seek financial planning advice if you feel you need it. Please note that your selection of TCP1 or TCP2 is irrevocable after the Sept. 17 deadline. If you accept your employment offer but do not make a choice between TCP1 and TCP2, TCP2 is the default. Also note that if you fail to make an election by Sept. 17 at 5 p.m., your offer of employment with LLNS will be rescinded and your employment with the University of California, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will terminate effective Sept. 30.



SCIENCE NEWS

Commission for world's most energetic laser

By Bob Hirschfeld
Newsline staff writer

Q: What do you get when you multiply 22 kilojoules by 96 laser beams?

A: A fully commissioned laser bay in the National Ignition Facility (NIF).

In the early hours in late July, a handful of control room operators fired a series of laser shots in a group of eight beams known as Bundle 44.

The last shot lasted about 25 billionths of a second, a tiny fraction of the time it takes to blink an eye. The infrared energy output of each beam measured approximately 22 kilojoules, more than enough to meet NIF's operational and performance qualification requirements.

The achievement successfully brought to a close this phase of sequentially testing all 96 beams in one of NIF's two laser bays, a process that has taken about two years.

Firing these 12 bundles required operation of 2,300 high-quality optics and instrumentation modules, and nearly 400 computers running a million lines of code.

According to NIF Associate Director Edward Moses: "A total energy of more than 2.1 megajoules has now been fired in the first laser bay. This is about 40 times what the Nova laser (NIF's predecessor) typically operated at the time it was the world's largest laser."

The tests also measured the quality of each beam's spatial profile and temporal pulse shape. Even though each shot is exceedingly short in time, its energy output and frequency is designed to vary significantly throughout its duration, depending on the type of experiments being conducted.

Chris Haynam, the physicist responsible for modeling and testing the quality and performance of the lasers, pointed out that only about a dozen people on NIF's overnight "owl" shift participated in the control room

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— Thomas D'Agostino

NIF's overnight "owl" shift participated in the control room activities marking completion of commissioning activities for Laser Bay 2.

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"This is a good thing," Haynam said. "In fact, physicists and chief engineers do not have to be there. The details were worked out far ahead of time. We gave them the plan. The operators executed the plan per the schedule. And it went off without a hitch."

"This is a significant event as we move toward completion of the National Ignition Facility," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "With the success of this test, NIF is now the world's highest energy laser. The day is coming soon when we will be able to simulate the conditions of extreme temperature and pressure approaching those existing in nuclear explosions."

The next step is to repeat the process in NIF's other laser bay.

"Installation of optics and other components in Laser Bay 1 is now about 90 percent complete, and preliminary testing is already under way. Overall commissioning is scheduled for June 2009," said Bruno Van Wonterghem, NIF's commissioning manager.

Meanwhile, a series of experiments called "Eos" (for the Greek goddess of the dawn) will utilize the first set of beams from

the completed laser bay, traveling to the center of the 10-meter diameter target chamber. One goal of "Eos" is to validate the performance of NIF's targets.

When NIF is operating, the infrared energy from its 192 laser beams will be converted to 1.8 million joules of ultraviolet energy and delivered to millimeter-sized targets at the center of its target chamber, creating conditions similar to those in the core of stars and giant planets and inside exploding nuclear weapons.

The laser beams will compress a hollow shell filled with the hydrogen isotopes deuterium and tritium to

20 times the density of lead. In the resulting conditions – temperatures of 100 million degrees Celsius and pressures greater than a billion times the Earth's atmosphere – the fuel core will ignite and thermonuclear burn will quickly spread through the compressed fuel, releasing ten to a hundred times more energy than the amount deposited by the laser beams.

Along with supporting NNSA's stockpile stewardship program, NIF will provide unprecedented opportunities to conduct fusion energy research and to explore regimes of high energy density physics in the laboratory.



On the cover: Looking down the corridor of the fully commissioned Laser Bay 2.

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UC Celebration Preview

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Sept. 25, and make plans to participate in a celebration of the Laboratory's 55-year association with the University of California.

The day will include displays and exhibits by each directorate highlighting major Laboratory accomplishments of the UC era, followed by a panel discussion by past LLNL directors and other notables sharing their memories and reflecting on the UC legacy.

The directorate displays will be housed in a large tent erected in the newly repaved A-2 parking lot, near the West Cafeteria. The exhibit tent will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Among the displays will be Niffy, the model of a woolly mammoth whose fossilized bones were unearthed during construction of the National Ignition Facility (NIF).

The panel discussion will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Building 123 auditorium. The panel discussion will also be broadcast live to the auditoriums in Buildings 155, 453, 482 and 543. Panel members include former directors John Foster, Mike May, John Nuckolls and Bruce Tarter, former deputy directors Bob Kuckuck and Jeff Wadsworth, former principal laboratory associate director Phil Coyle, and former associate director for lasers John Emmett.

A special commemorative photo book has been prepared as a tribute to all who have worked at Livermore. "This book is an inspiration to present and

future generations of employees to carry on the UC tradition and culture at this Laboratory," said Director George Miller. With more than 300 photos drawn from Lab archives, institutional publications and program records, the book chronicles the Laboratory from its inception in September 1952 to today.

Laboratory employees will soon be receiving an invitation card to the UC Celebration Day. The card can be redeemed at the exhibit tent for a copy of the commemorative book. (Note that no photocopies of the redemption card will be accepted, and the name on the card must match the name on the employee's badge.)

A special BBQ lunch will also be available. Tickets will be available for sale in the Central and West Cafés during the lunch hour and need to be purchased by Thursday, September 20. Lunch will consist of a tri-tip sandwich, grilled chicken sandwich or vegetarian garden burger with a bag of chips, cookie and beverage. A caesar salad with a cookie and beverage is also available. Complimentary dessert and bottled water will be served, and the TID band will provide lunch-time musical entertainment.

"I urge all Lab employees to come help us celebrate six decades of UC leadership of our Laboratory," said Miller. "The University helped to ensure the scientific integrity and technical excellence of our work and provided a culture of intellectual freedom. Even as we honor and treasure our years under UC leadership, we have the opportunity to continue our association with the University to extend this tradition of excellence into the future."

DOE announces consolidation of surplus plutonium at Savannah River, South Carolina

The Department of Energy on Wednesday announced it has decided to consolidate surplus non-pit plutonium at its Savannah River Site.

"Non-pit" plutonium comes from sources other than nuclear weapons triggers, or pits. The decision should greatly reduce storage costs and significantly enhance security across the nuclear weapons complex. DOE will begin shipping the surplus plutonium no sooner than 30 days from Wednesday. Under the plan, DOE expects the surplus plutonium shipments to be completed by 2010.

Savannah River (SRS) is a 310-square-mile site located in the southeastern coastal United States in South Carolina, bordered on the west by the Savannah River and Georgia.

"Consolidation is a key part of the department's efforts to properly manage surplus plutonium and follows our dedication to non-proliferation, environmental management and national security," Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management James Rispoli said, emphasizing that the decision continues the momentum for the safe disposition of surplus materials.

The surplus plutonium will come from the Hanford Site in Washington, as well as from both Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories. Some 2,300 plutonium storage containers from Hanford and nearly 700 from Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos labs will be moved by secure transport to SRS.

DOE's decision should remove Hanford's



Workers in the Lab's Superblock discuss containment procedures.

plutonium inventory totally, reducing the number of sites with special nuclear material. At the same time, the consolidation will enhance the security of these materials and reduce the plutonium storage, surveillance and monitoring, and security costs at multiple sites. By transferring the material to one location the department expects to increase security while avoiding significant costs at the other sites.

Once the material has been consolidated at SRS, the department's current plan for disposing of

the surplus involves using up to three facilities at that location: the Mixed Oxide, or MOX, Fuel Fabrication Facility, which currently is under construction; the existing H-Canyon facility; and the proposed new, small-scale plutonium vitrification capability that transforms the materials into a glass-like substance.

The department will evaluate reducing — and possibly eliminating — the need for the vitrification capability, and instead dispose of all the surplus plutonium through the MOX facility and H-Canyon. The plan ensures that surplus plutonium consolidated at SRS has an identified clear path of disposition out of South Carolina.

DOE has notified Congress and provided a plan for the disposal of the surplus plutonium once it gets to SRS, in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Consolidation of surplus plutonium at SRS has been analyzed in a supplemental analysis,

and DOE has issued an Amended Record of Decision for the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The department is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Surplus Plutonium Disposition at the Savannah River Site to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of alternative methods to disposition of the surplus materials.

i.want ads

Due to the high quantity of ads and space limitations, these want ads have been abbreviated. For the complete ad listings, refer to the internal Website: <http://www-r.llnl.gov/pao/news/ wantads.html> or for the latest pdf download and retiree information, see the external Website: <http://www.llnl.gov/pao/employee/>. Please note that these ads appear on the Web.
Date of ads: Approx. Aug. 28 to Sept. 4. Ads appear on the Web for seven days.

AUTOMOBILES

1984 GMC full-size Jimmy 4x4. \$2,000 OBO. 6.2L diesel engine, 4-wheel drive. 925-989-2192

1987 Volvo 240DL wagon. \$1500. Less than 150,000 miles. Good mechanical condition. 925-699-8169

1993 Ford Explorer. \$2,000 OBO. 178,000 miles, XLT model, four-door, 4x4, cruise control. 925-292-1595

1994 Chev Suburban. \$5,500. Recently serviced, newer tires, recent paint. 925-371-6592

1994 Mercedes E320 wagon. \$6,700. Black with tan interior, 148K miles, 7 passenger. 209-943-2166

1999 Ford Windstar mini van. \$3,900. V6, PW, PDL, engine runs great. Exterior is good. 925-455-8006

1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE. \$5,800. Approx. 87,000 miles. Clean title with one owner. 209-833-9141

2002 Honda Civic EX. \$9,900. Dual front-air bags, FWD, ABS, tilt wheel, power steering. 209-892-4474

2002 Jetta 1.8 T GLS. \$11-\$11,500. 58k miles, navy blue, sun roof, cruise control, alloys. 510-652-1994

2002 Toyota Tacoma truck. \$10,000. With bed liner. 55,000 orig. miles. 925-606-0309

2002 VW Jetta 1.8 turbo. \$12,000 OBO. Super clean car, 510-652-1994 (h); 925-424-4076(w)

2004 Honda Accord EX. \$13,500. 4cyl, 4 dr, 5 spd auto, leather, , 6 cd in dash, 209-834-8079

2004 Mini Cooper yellow/black. \$15,600. 4-Cyl. 1.6 Liter, black bonnet stripes. 925-980-9462

2004 Toyota Corolla. \$11,000. Sedan 4D, white with gray interior, new michelin tires. 707-747-5425

2004 VW Golf Turbo. 1.8L 2 D, loaded, 61Kmi, excellent condition, gray. 925-454-1439 or 925-330-1931

2005 Pontiac GTO. \$27,000. 6.0L aluminum LS2 364 c.i. engine 400 horsepower. 925-963-9882

2005 Volkswagen Jetta GLI 1.8L turbocharged. \$17,000. 4 cylinder, 180 HP. 209-568-6200

2001 Acura CL-S. \$6500. 150,000 miles. Good condition. 408-309-3888

BMW 330i. \$18,000. 2002, excellent cond. 97k fwy miles. 209-327-1327

BICYCLES

21 speed Excitor mountain bike. \$50 OBO. 18" Index shifting, center pull brakes, 209-632-8313

Women's Huffy bike. Great for the Lab. \$50. Red and fades into purple. 209-568-6200

BOATS

1988 Bayliner 19ft. cuddy cabin w/sleeper & toilet. \$3,500 OBO. 135 hp 4 cylindar volvo, 209-814-9301

Fishing boat. \$1500/OB. 209-824-5727

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Sony Trinitron TV. 500 watt surround sound. \$750. 209-568-6200

Athlon 750 Mhz 20g, 128MB, desktop computer. \$60. AMD, 20G hard drive (wiped clean-no operating system), 128 MB RAM, 925-337-5622

iMac G4 computer. \$250. 1.25 GHz G4 processor with 1GB ram. Contains 160 GB hard drive. 17" flat panel 925-373-8916

JVC widescreen TV Art series. \$200.

Model AV-30W475 w/remote and manual. (925) 519-2186

Nikon green laser pointer. \$100. High quality, bright beam. 925-455-4484

Playstation II Slim. \$130. With two controllers, all the cords, two games, Works great. 209 -74-3724

Sony DVD surround sound complete system. \$90. DVD/receiver unit is a fully functional model DAV-FX10. 925-294-8302

GIVEAWAY

Free sofa sleeper. Jennifer convertibles Tan or beige color, two seat cushions 925-456-5510

Solar pool heater. 7 heat exchanger panels for in-ground pool, roof mount, 4x8, good condition, 925-964-9144

HOUSEHOLD

Baby crib. \$250 OBO. With mattress, new condition. 925-784-2717

Baby furniture. \$400. Bellini crib with mattress and three-drawer dresser. 925-989-7196

Baby gate, Safeway Model G20c. \$40. 30.5-inch-tall. New. 925-997-1568

Beautiful solid wood ladder bookcases. \$145. 925-640-5469

Cabinet. \$200. Solid oak for stereo and/or storage. 925-447-6858

Child's trundle bed. \$70. Oak finished. 3 drawers. Self-standing head/shelf piece. 925-373-6230

Children's table & chairs. \$100. New. KidKraft Nantucket primary. 925-600-0617

Children's desk /study area. \$125. With shelves & task lighting. Steel ball bearing drawer slides. 925-373-6230

Coca-Cola collection. \$75. Men's XL Atlanta Olympics jacket, 1 serving bowl, 1 serving dish, salt/pepper shakers, more. 209-568-6200

Day bed with wood frame. \$450 OBO. 6 months old, only slept on 2 times. New mattresses. 925-784-2717

Dresser. \$250 OBO. Baby dresser with changing area on top. 925-784-2717

Entertainment center. \$200 OBO. Black. 925-784-2717

Full size mattress with frame/microwave/tv stand. \$100. Mattress is in good condition. like new. kept in spare room, 209 607-3661

Furniture. \$500. Twin bed set. Includes Sealy mattress set, like new; dresser with mirror; nightstand. 925-373-2830

IKEA Loft bed, tall model. \$75.IKEA 209-848-3421

Indoor/outdoor bar stools. \$25. Black. We have 4 assembled stools and 2 never used in box. 925-980-1235

Little Tikes picnic table. \$10. Located in Livermore. 925-454-0877

Maytag gas dryer. \$175 OBO. In excellent operating condition. White. 925-443-3106

Maytag washer & gas dryer. \$750. 3-years old, white, runs great. Moving, pick up in Tracy. 209-321-7822

Mirror. \$20/BO. 24 in-by-36-in mirror with gold frame. 925-447-2905

Oster breadmaker w/bonus 6 pack bread dough. \$40. Like new - only used 1 time. 443-6603

Queen bedspread. \$25. Queen bedspread (not comforter). Light blue and pink. 925-640-5469

Reebok jogging stroller. \$75. Adjustable canopy, three point harness, seat reclines. 925-997-1568

Retro dish set with red cherries. \$40. Includes 2 canisters, 4 mugs, 1 napkin holder, more. 209-568-6200

Roll top desk. \$500. OakCrest. Two-pedestal desk constructed of solid oak and oak veneers. 925-443-1279

Rolling file drawers. \$35. 925-640-5469

Small touch lamp. \$5. A cute little touch lamp 12" high, good condition, black metal. 925-640-5469

Sofa bed and love seat. \$250 each. \$450 for the set. 925-784-2717

Twin bed. \$20. Metal frame complete with mattress and foam topper. In Livermore. 925-454-0877

Twin extra long sheets and mattress cover . \$15. Pink knit for Dorm size bed. 209-403-4942

Wood and glass display cabinets. \$150 each. Unfinished pine, white melamine and glass. 209-568-6200

LOST AND FOUND

Found: motorcycle keys . Harley Davidson keys, on outer loop rd. Contact Lab security lost and found (209) 836-4984

Pair of glasses found. Reading glasses in a Ray Ban Case in a Lab bike near the central cafe on 9/4/07. 925-606-5957

MISCELLANEOUS

37 Disney video collection. \$50. I have a great collection of Disney VHS tapes. 209-568-6200

Adidas track shoes, women's size 7. \$25. Like new, only worn 4 times. Silver and white. 443-6603

Baby dual stroller. \$70 OBO. Baby Graco. 925-784-2717

Baby items: receiving blankets/lap pads; crib sheets; socks , mittens, clothing. 925-413-2595

Baby stuff: Crib, double stoller, Edie Bauer car seat. 925-296-5794

Blower. \$10. Paramount, electric, good cond. 925-447-2508

Child seat for a bicycle. \$10. 925-422-0865

Children's puppet theater. \$75. Children's puppet theater. 925-454-0877

Christmas decor. 925-640-5469

Craftsman rototiller. \$400. Nice unit. 925-640-2782

Engine hoist. \$100. Seldom used in excellent condition. 925-525-1360

Garage sale. Block sale on Sept. 8. Felicia Ave., Livermore. 3 homes involved. 8 a.m.-2p.m. 925-422-3025

4 Gwen Stefani concert tickets. \$56/each. With Sean Kingston, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m., Stockton. 209-495-6957

Halloween costume. \$5. Stewardess; just a little wrap-around thing. Size 10 or smaller. 925-640-5469

Kids clothes. Boys and girls, 2T, 3T 4T. \$40 for bag of 50+ items or \$1 each. 925-784-2717

Large suitcases. \$60 each. TravelPro, expandable, w/rollers, black, hardly used. 510-928-1281

Moving boxes & packing material. \$25. Approx. 20, including 3 garment boxes. 925-964-0534

Pool table. \$500 OBO. 80x45 with balls, sticks and rack. 925-784-2717

Pool table w/acces. \$250. With ball return, cue sticks, chalk, rack, balls, just pick up and play . 925-373-3429

Puppet theater. \$75. Nice new and very sturdy. Great for shows, 925-454-0877

Shop Smith. \$150. manufactured in the 1950's. Can be table saw, drill press and lathe. 925-600-0604

Small aquarium. \$10. This is a cute little aquarium for a kid. I have two of these, \$10 each. 925-640-5469

2 South Bay home & garden show tickets. \$10 ea. Sept. 7-9 at Santa Clara Convention Center. Free parking. 925-648-0671

Swimming pool. \$1,000 OBO. Above-ground, excellent condition, 7 yrs old. 925-784-2517 or 925-455-0640

MOTORCYCLES

2005 HD Road King. \$17,500. 95 inch engine. 209-321-7822

2005 Yamaha Raptor 350 (Quad). \$4,200. 925-625-8795

2002 YamahaYZF 426, excellent condition, trail ridden only, 925-443-1149 or 510-919-3095

Motorcycle. \$5,300 obo. 2002 Buell "Thunderbolt" S3, 15k miles, hard saddle bags, 925-443-1149

Motorcycle. \$450. 1988 KAWASAKI 305 LTD "Sporster" type, black, low mileage. 408-263-2846

Motorcycle seat. \$200. Fits Harley 1936 to present. 209-823-1901

PETS

40-gallon saltwater aquarium. \$450. 707-254-5120

Free kittens, friendly, 6 weeks old. Box trained and ready to go. 209-304-3775

Wanted : Male Boxer for breeding. Pick of the litter. 209-632-8313

Rose-haired tarantula. Free. Includes habitat, water dish, faux rock cave, crickets, book, more. 510-435-0792

RECREATION EQUIPMENT

Ab Mouse exerciser. \$10. 925-640-5469

Fold-out seat. \$12. 2 person, double wide, blue fabric, exc. cond, with carry bag. 925-447-2508

Oldie treadmill. \$30. Still works fine. Unit is narrow and better for walking than running. 925-640-5469

Salomon skis with Salomon bindings. \$50 OBO. Boogie board, \$25; Croquet set, \$20; large stand alone patio umbrella, \$75; Hollowform kyak, \$250 925-487-9405

RIDESHARING

Clayton/Concord carpool. Three people looking for fourth. Arrives 7 a.m., departs 4 p.m. 925-209-8880

Vanpool Fairfield-Vallejo-Benicia 4-5589 925-424-5589

SHARED HOUSING

Room for rent. \$500. Unfurnished. Utilities, cable & internet included. Non-smoker. 209-403-4942

Room for rent. \$600/mo. Livermore. Master bedroom furnished w/cable outlet & highspeed internet. 925-443-8448

Room for rent. \$675. 2 rooms in a 3bd 2bath house in Livermore to Christian males, 21-40. 925-980-2003

Room for rent w/own bath. \$700/mo. South Livermore. 925-447-6301

Roommate wanted. \$600+.5 util. male room to share a 2 bedroom apt off East ave. (Ironwood apts) 707-254-5120

Rooms for rent. \$600 to \$900. New home located in Manteca. 925-525-4587

TRAILERS

Trail Lite camping trailer. \$18,999. Cable & Satalite ready with space for DVD and

aux boxes. 209-612-3104

H&H Box Trailer. \$5,300. 2005 7X12 ft, H&H Top of the line box trailer. 925-373-8244

Trailer. \$18,500. 2004 Desert Fox 21SW Toy Hauler, 925-516-8339

Utility Trailer . \$1000 Top quality, professionally built utility trailer. 925-726-7228

TRUCKS

1977 Stepside Dodge, mostly rebuilt. \$3,000. 925-443-7729

VACATION RENTALS

Arnold cabin. Cozy mountain up by Arnold. 4 bedr, 2 bath, fully loaded kitchen. 925-245-1114

Big Island Hawaii Kona vacation home. LFully-equipped big yard, fruit trees, sunny days, ocean sunsets, and cool nights. 415-377-5361

Long Barn cabin. \$150/week. Cute little get-away cabin in the mountains just 10 minutes before Pinecrest. 209-914-4979

Maui, HI Kahana Reef oceanfront .1BR/1BA condominium. Beautiful two-island (Molokai and Lanai) view. 925-449-0761

Santa Cruz beach house. Near harbor. 2 bedr, 2 bath, spa,. Beautiful weather in Sept/Oct. 925-245-1114

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CHALET. 3 bedroom 2 bath chalet, nicely furnished, newly remodeled kitchen, comfortable, 209-599-4644

Tahoe vacation rental. \$700/wk. Sleeps 6 comfortably. Pets welcome. Three blocks from Tahoe Queen & lake. One block away from four excellent restaurants & bars. One mile from Casino's and shows. (925) 556-9511

Vacation Home in Tahoe/Homewood. \$125-\$175 3b/2b in Tahoma, next to Homewood and near Squaw Valley. Sleeps 6-8. 925-813-2597

Wine Country rental. \$150/night .Monte Rio - Vacation Wonderland - Wine Country Getaway in the heart of the Russian River Valley.925-513-4767

WANTED

49er Tix. I would like to find good seats for the San Francisco 49ers vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dec 23, 2007, 05:15 p.m. 925-321-2287

Big screen TV repair person to repair (yr 2000) Convergence repair. 925-783-0473

IPOD(s) cheap. Lost both daughters' IPODS on vacation. Interested in used cheap priced to replace. 925-709-1794

Men's bicycle. Uup to \$100. Want to purchase used bicycle for 6'3" tall male. Need not be too fancy; good working order. 510-209-1386

Microwave wanted for college student. Preferably free. 209-403-4942

Moving boxes. Getting ready to haul moving boxes to the dumps? I'd love to take them off your hands. 925-454-9224

Covered RV parking for 2006 34-ft 5th wheel trailer, plus connected pickup truck. 12-foot tall trailer. 925-525-4587

Special needs babysitter. Responsible college or high school student needed to babysit 15-year old boy with autism, 2-3 afternoons a week from 3-6 p.m. Great pay. Must drive, enjoy walks, bookstores, watching videos. He is easy to get along with and lots of fun. 443-3396.

Aircraft for restoration; dismantled or boxed: Cessna 140TD with metal wings; early model "ERCOUPE"; Liscombe Silvaire 8A. 707-962-0309

RETIREES' CORNER



Bill (Engineering, 1989) and Sue (Engineering, 1983) Simecka are still performing in shows in Sun City Anthem, Nevada, with Sue dancing and Bill singing. Sue often designs and sews her own costumes. Sue recently retired after three years from her lead anchor job for Channel 99. Bill and Sue just completed building a casita (guest house) on

their property. Bill and Sue are going with friends to New York next month for a week of playing "tourist." They continue to enjoy the entertainment and fine dining the Las Vegas area provides.

Steve Mick (NAI, 2000) and wife, Alicia Watson, are active in community efforts: Steve is chair of the Alamo Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, which provides advice and guidance on park improvements and development in Alamo. Alicia is chair of the Alamo Beautification Committee, which evaluates landscaping needs in the Alamo area. Steve and Alicia are also involved in the Alamo Incorporation effort. Steve is the webmaster for the Alamo Incorporation Movement (AIM) Website, and Alicia will be gathering petitions for the proposal. For the unabridged version of the retiree submissions, check on the retiree Website.

Anna Lim (Business Services, 1993), of the Del Valle Home Economists, invites interested people to a Back-to-School-Party and Apron Fashion Show on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Alden Lane Nursery Patio, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore from 4-5:45 p.m. Call Pat at 447-0411. The October meeting featuring Bay Friendly Gardening will be Thursday, Oct. 11 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the garden of Kat Weiss, 857 Placenza Street, Livermore. Call Anna Lim, (925) 447-3036 or e-mail annalim8@yahoo.com by Oct. 8 to attend.

The September Retiree Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Livermore Elks Lodge with speaker Jim Gioia of Las Positas College discussing his program for students with disabilities. To make reservations, visit our Website: www.llnlretirees.org.

Please mark these future events on your calendars:

- Dinner-dance Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at the Elks Lodge.
- With no dinner-dance in October, we will have an October luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 17.
- The November luncheon is Nov. 14, one week earlier than usual. The topic will be Open Enrollment for benefits changes.

Jane Olson has changed her mind, so Gus and Jane will continue to do the Retirees' Corner. Please send input. E-Mail: AugustO@aol.com or JaneRubert@aol.com. Snail mail address: 493 Joyce Street, Livermore, Calif., 94550.

PEOPLE NEWS

ZUMBA!



JACQUELINE MCBRIDE/NEWSLINE

LLESA's ZUMBA class is a fusion of Latin and international music with dance themes featuring a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps. Zumba classes take place Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Bldg. 415. Call 2-4902 for specific times.

In memoriam

Melvin "Mel" Routt

Melvin "Mel" Routt, a native of Tracy, died Aug. 29. He was 85.

Routt attended Tracy schools and after high school graduation, joined the U.S. Navy. He served as a machinist mate aboard the USS Canopus, a submarine tender, in Manila Bay in December 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and invaded the Philippines.

When the Bataan Peninsula on Luzon fell to the Japanese, the Canopus crew scuttled the ship and escaped in launches to Corregidor, the American underground fortress in the middle of Manila Bay. After the Japanese landed in Corregidor, Routt was captured May 6, 1942.

He survived the Bataan Death March and 3½ years in captivity, first at three prisoner-of-war camps on Luzon in the Philippines and later in Japan, after being transported there in an unmarked ship. In Japan, he worked in a coal mine in Omuta that was operated by the Mitsui Corp. and was forced to work barefooted in the mine even after an infected toe had been amputated.

In August 1945, Routt looked up from digging a drainage ditch and saw an American B-29 flying over Nagasaki, across the bay. The plane dropped the second atomic bomb, which ended World War II. When liberated several weeks later, he weighed 86 pounds.

Routt, who was discharged a second-class petty officer, received two Purple Hearts, three Oak Leaf Clusters and three Presidential citations.

Once home, Routt worked as a Tracy police officer, a rural fireman and a plant engineer at the Laboratory. He retired in 1978.

He was active in the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and served as its national president in 1995-96.

Graveside services were held earlier this week. A memorial service will be held Sunday in Tracy.

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LAB NEWS

Miller says Lab must prepare for budget uncertainty

By Don Johnston
Newsline staff writer

In an all-hands meeting Thursday, Director George Miller told employees that National Nuclear Security Administration laboratories have been asked to plan for uncertainties associated with the fiscal year (FY) 2008 budget and the potential for a Continuing Resolution (CR) in FY '08.

Miller said he received a notice from NNSA Administrator Tom D'Agostino late Wednesday expressing concerns about the uncertainties associated with the fiscal year (FY) 2008 budget and the potential for a Continuing Resolution (CR) scenario in FY '08 (see accompanying text from D'Agostino).

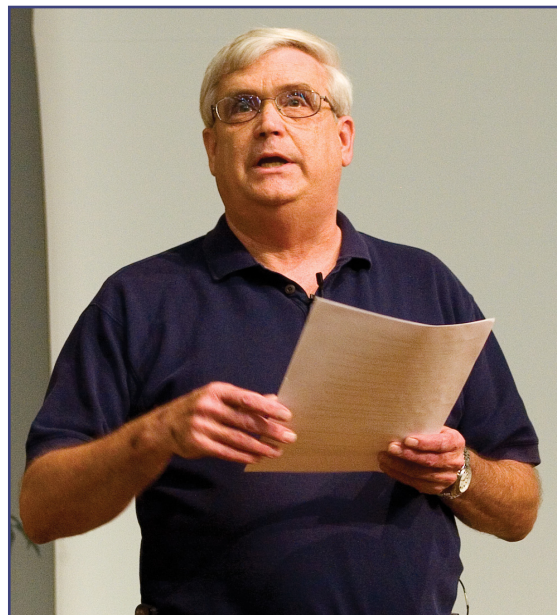
"As you know, the process for developing and finalizing the Laboratory's budget is long and complicated, involving many steps in the Executive and Congressional branches of government. There are multiple committees in both the House and Senate that must come to agreement and the President must sign the bill before the process is finished," Miller said. "This process naturally leads to uncertainties as the appropriations cycle unfolds."

The NNSA administrator asked laboratory directors to look at every budget account, and plan for an operation that may be the lower of the House and Senate marks in each area, as prior continuing resolutions have imposed a similar requirement to operate in this fashion pending enactment of a budget.

"Since we have no ability to estimate how long we may have to operate under these conditions, we have to anticipate that it will be for an extended period of time. This situation, unfortunately, will cause some significant impacts to our sites' operating budgets and could affect our workforce," D'Agostino wrote. "In addition, at a few of our sites, even if the impacts of a continuing resolution are avoided, changes to missions and work for other programs will likely cause workforce impacts in FY 2008."

The specific "worst case" budget guidance for LLNL from NNSA Defense Programs reflects a reduction of approximately \$150 million relative to the President's FY 2008 budget request. This reduction coupled with potential declines in other NNSA, DOE and Work For Others (WFO) programs and increased costs due to the new contract could potentially result in more than a 20 percent impact on the Laboratory – "well outside the Laboratory's normal flexibility for dealing with budget uncertainties," said Miller.

The Lab has also been directed, along with other NNSA contractors, to actively collect information and prepare documents necessary to meet the legal requirements associated with workforce restructuring (workforce restructuring is governed by 50 U.S.C. 2704, often referred to as Section 3161 of Public Law 102-484, the WARN Act, collective bargaining agreements,



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Director George Miller reads from NNSA Administrator Tom D'Agostino's statement about upcoming budgets. See box at right.

and contracts).

"We've been asked to put together a formal plan for restructuring the workforce; a detailed plan that minimizes the necessity and impact of involuntary layoffs," Miller said. "This is being done as a hedge against budget uncertainties. But, to put this in context, we have had continuing resolutions every year over the last five years, resolutions that have sometimes lasted weeks, months or, in 2007, all year."

Miller noted that "for those who have worked in the National Ignition Facility (NIF), planning for budget uncertainties is a normal occurrence."

Budget uncertainties have made contingency budget planning a yearly exercise at Livermore and other NNSA labs, he said. "We will continue to assess the potential workforce impacts of an extended FY 2008 Continuing Resolution and update those assessments as more information becomes available."

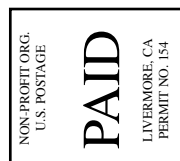
"Laboratory senior management is working diligently with the Department of Energy, the NNSA, and members of Congress to resolve these issues and uncertainties. The different parts of the system are working hard to make sure this comes out in a positive fashion," Miller said. "I realize that this additional uncertainty comes at a time when we all have important decisions to make with respect to the new operating contract for the Laboratory. While the final information for FY 2008 may not be known for some time, I will keep you informed with the most accurate information available as quickly as possible."

Miller concluded his remarks by cautioning employees to "examine ourselves and look out for each other to make sure that tension and stress remain at a level where we can do our job safely. Please take time to ensure you and your colleagues are working safely. There's a lot going on in our lives right now."

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